

## Proposed Minutes for TPOAM Membership Meeting 16 January 2007

**Officers Present:** Kitty Allen, President; Nancy Kusch, Vice-President; Tonya Scott, Treasurer Also attending: Wayne Beerbower, TPOAM Business Agent

The meeting opened at 5:30 in the Library Meeting Room. The first count proved to be a little short of a quorum, but other members arrived later to attain the 20% quorum of 34.

Proposed minutes from the October meeting are already showing on the website, but before the needed quorum arrived, those minutes were not approved. The plan is to post the minutes of all previous meetings on the website and to approve them in a future meeting.

Tonya Scott gave the financial report, which is showing on the website. We have \$4,957.88 in our account.

### **President's Report:**

- Thanks to Wendell Gramlich for volunteering to bring pizza.
- We have 170 members, fewer than ever due to attrition. Council decided in 2006 that new hires in our unit can't be made until the contracts are settled.
- We had our 20<sup>th</sup> Bargaining Meeting with the City in December 2006, after a 4 month break. The contract is not yet settled, but there has been movement.
- At the last meeting, there was mention of the buildup of our local funds. Possible uses for these funds are: refreshments for membership meetings, card/flower recognition for serious member illness or the loss of close family members (so far there's no policy for this), a holiday luncheon for members, logo products—t-shirts, pens, etc., political contributions, training for Stewards and Officers, motions from members during meetings for expenditures, annual cost of maintaining the website, member mailing costs, incidental costs for supplies, among other possible uses.
- Tonight's purpose is designated in the Bylaws as the Nominating Meeting. The two Offices seeking nomination are: President and Secretary. The term of office is two years.
- There are still many members not signed up for the TPOAM website and who are missing the bargaining information in the Bulletin Board section and the emails.

### **Vice-President's Report:**

- TPOAM members should consider running in the election for the representative's seat on the Board of Trustees of the Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust.

### **Bylaws Committee Report (Greg Sherman):**

- The changes proposed in September 2006 are still posted on the website.
- A Committee motion passed unanimously to reduce the quorum from 20% of the membership to 10%.

- A Committee motion passed unanimously to allow the Election Meeting in March to take place on any day in March, and not only on the third Tuesday.

**Election Committee Report (Tonya Scott):**

- Election procedures have been developed and are still being reviewed
- Tellers currently serving have been asked to continue if they choose to and most have accepted. Nomination and election for additional Tellers were held.

**Communications Committee Report (Nancy Kusch, Wendell Gramlich):**

- 95 members are signed up for the bulletin board portion of the website. If you are unsure how to sign on or have forgotten your password, please contact Wendell (ext. 4954).

**Advisory/Nominating Committee Report (Teri Caroselli):**

- The Committee posted the Nomination information to the website and looked for members who would be interested in running for one of the open Officer positions. However, they were unable to find interested candidates.
- After the Advisory/Nominating Committee report, the President solicited nominations from the floor for each office.
- Hanan Azzou accepted candidacy for Secretary.
- Several names were proposed, but there were no candidates for President.
- A motion from the floor to extend the nominating deadline until January 30 passed with a visible majority.
- The election will take place at the March membership meeting.

**Bargaining Committee Report (Lori Harris-Glore):**

- The resignation of the former City Administrator delayed our negotiations since our last meeting 29 Aug 2006. Negotiations resumed 21 Dec 2006 with Jim Scharret as Acting City Administrator.
- Mr. Scharrett thanked everyone for their hard work on negotiations. He announced that the City and Council had changed their latest past proposal to make it more attractive for both sides, stating that this is their best offer.
- The City still labors under budget troubles and still draws from the fund balance. They believe their new proposal is not as radical as previous offers and will allow them to be competitive in attracting new employees.

There was no Unfinished or New Business. A discussion on the latest contract offer followed which was led by Wayne Beerbower. The meeting was dismissed at 7:30, though the contract discussion continued afterward with interested members.

Kitty Allen  
President and Acting Secretary